



Rep. Houston Gaines
District 117

Biography

Houston Gaines was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2018. Rep. Gaines is a Republican representing the 117th House District, which includes portions of Barrow, Clarke, Jackson and Oconee counties. Houston works at Cannon Financial Institute, where he serves clients across the country in the financial industry.

In the Georgia House, Houston has championed a number of important priorities for House District 117, including legislation targeting human trafficking and domestic violence, as well as legislation to support substance abuse recovery. Houston was named “Champion of Recovery” by the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse for his work on this legislation.

As a third-generation Athenian and grandson of the late Judge Joseph Gaines, Houston has long been engaged in our community. He is a member of the Athens Rotary Club and previously served on the Envision Athens Steering Committee, Junior League of Athens Community Advisory Board, LEAD Athens Alumni Association Board of Directors and multiple boards for K-12 education and the University of Georgia. Houston currently serves on the School of Public and International Affairs Alumni Board. He is a “2015 LEAD Athens” graduate and a graduate of the Zell Miller Foundation's Leadership Institute. A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia, Houston served as student body president while at UGA and was recently named to its 2020 “40 Under 40” class.